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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks Examiner for the detailed Office Action dated March 9, 2006. In response to the issues raised, the Applicant offers the following submissions and amendments.

Amendments

Claim 1 has been cancelled in favor of newly presented claim 4. The revised definition of the invention provided by claim 4 highlights that the printer cradle interrogates the cartridge upon insertion and adjusts the operation of the printhead accordingly. This arrangement is described in detail in the 'Cradle' subsection of the Detailed Description.

Accordingly, the amendments do not add any new matter.

35 U.S.C. §103 - Claims 1 to 3

Claims 1 to 3 stand rejected as obvious in light of US 6,547,363 to Shinada et al, in view of US 6,644,801 to Matsui et al and US Pub 2002/0158948 to Miyazawa et al.

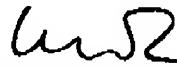
We submit that new claim 4 distinguishes the present invention from the cited references. The printhead and the ink supply are in constant fluid connection. Upon insertion of the cartridge, the controller determines its operational characteristics and then controls the operation of the pagewidth printhead accordingly. None of the citations disclose a controller that changes the printhead operation in response to an assessment of the cartridges performance characteristics.

In light of the above, the cited reference does not teach a fundamental element of the present invention. Accordingly, the cited reference fails to anticipate the invention defined by new claim 4 or amended claims 2 and 3.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejection have been successfully traversed and the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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